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May 19, 2016

Ms. Nichole Distefano
Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest
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Dear Ms. Distefano:

I understand you will soon be making decisions on grant awards. The City of Florence located in Florence County, South Carolina, has submitted a grant through your Brownfield Community-Wide Hazardous and Petroleum Assessment Grant Program and I ask that you give it full consideration under all appropriate guidelines and regulations.

The City is requesting funds to complete an environmental assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment for the area located at the northern gateway of the City from U.S. Interstate 95. I have been told this commercial and industrial area includes a variety of vacant and underutilized properties which cover over 60 acres and are within the proposed Tax Increment Financing district. Additionally, this funding would help address the unknown extent of contamination at many of these properties, a concern for community residents.

Thank you for your assistance. If I can provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my Grants Coordinator, Angie Omer at (864) 250-1417 or 130 South Main Street, 7th Floor, Greenville, SC 29601.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lindsey", written over a horizontal line.

Lindsey O. Graham
United States Senator

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United States Senator Lindsey O. Graham
Upstate Regional Office
Fax Transmittal Sheet

TO: Nichole Distefano

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FROM: Angie Omer

DATE: 5/19/14

COMMENTS: Re: City of Florence Letter of Support

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